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During this Bicentennial year the Cleveland Museum of Art's annual juried exhibition of works by artists and craftsmen of Ohio's Western Reserve region, the May Show, will be held in the late fall rather than in the early summer.

New dates for the 1976 May Show are November 24 through January 2, 1977. Entry forms will be available in September at the Museum, and at other locations throughout the Western Reserve. Entries will be accepted the week of October 16-23, excepting Sunday, October 17.

The change in May Show dates has been brought about by a series of special events planned at the Museum in conjunction with the celebration of America's 200th anniversary. Chief among these are two large Bicentennial exhibitions: The European Vision of America, organized by the Museum in cooperation with the National Gallery of Art in Washington and the Musées Nationaux de France in Paris; and Heritage and Horizon: American Paintings 1776-1976, organized with the Albright-Knox Art Gallery of Buffalo, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and the Toledo Museum of Art.

Because of the complexities of coordinating exhibition schedules with these other institutions, it has been necessary for the Museum to rearrange its own schedule for 1976, with the result that the May Show -- usually held during May and June -- will be held at the end of the year.

In 1977 the May Show will return to a summer showing, but in the late rather than early summer to enable participating artists to have more than six months work from which to select pieces for entry.

"By 1978 schedules should be back to normal," Tom Hinson, assistant curator of modern art and May Show coordinator, reports, "with the May Show again opening in May and continuing on exhibition into June."

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